

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 20th, 2021

At 3:30pm, Chairman Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, Commissioner Scott Beumer and Commissioner Copenhaver. Also, present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th, 2021 regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

32157	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	641.28
32158	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
32159	BESSETTE MOTORS, INC.	68.78
32160	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	264.00
32161	C & J OIL COMPANY	7,976.82
32162	CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTER GRAND FORKS	172.80
32163	CENEX - FLEET FUELING	74.75
32164	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	106.94
32165	CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES	345.60
32166	DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	105.32
32167	DAVID UTKE	59.06
32168	HIGH PLAINS EQUIPMENT	533.34
32169	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	782.75
32170	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1,205.38
32171	JUSTIN JOHNSON	80.68
32172	NAPA AUTO PARTS	119.93
32173	NDAAO	120.00
32174	OK TIRE STORE	108.90
32175	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	10,494.75
32176	PAT BIEL TRUCKING INC.	1,303.50
32177	PHARMCHEM INC	662.60
32178	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	1,350.00
32179	STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	152.00
32180	SYNCB/AMAZON	75.90
32181	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	35.00

Commissioner Hagel asked to add the City of Carrington request of ARPA Funds from Foster County. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Bridge Definition

Commissioner Utke made a motion to adopt the bridge policy from the State of ND for Foster County, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Gravel Pit

Commissioner Hagel stated that Foster County received the deeds for the gravel pit from the State of North Dakota. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to sign the deeds, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Rose Hill Culvert Request

Rose Hill provided prices for the culvert and install from Pat Biel Trucking. Commissioner Hagel stated that the Stream Crossing Study shows that the road should have 1 new 36" culvert, not a 48". The BOCC stated that this needed to be tabled and clarified.

New Business

Paul Skadberg of Birtsell Township approached the BOCC with a request for gravel funding on 7th St NE for \$10,500. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Craig Weisz, Maintenance Supervisor, approached the BOCC about purchasing a new vacuum and floor buffer. Weisz presented a quote from D&E and Dakota Paper. D&E was a lower price. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve purchasing of vacuum and floor buffer from D&E for \$1,224, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, emailed a list of items to the BOCC. Monson's sheet stated that there have been no repairs since the last meeting. Monson's list also stated that the only newly installed culvert that is having multiple coats of durapatch oil put on it is the new culvert located on the Dump Ground Highway. Monson was able to get a price for just fixing the bad spot on the Murphy Road, just east of Highway 281. The cost would be \$3,500 for material and labor would be \$21,000 for a total cost of \$23,495. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the work on the Murphy Road, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll Call vote was had:

Commissioner Beumer-No
Commissioner Scanson-Yes
Commissioner Hagel-No
Commissioner Utke-Yes
Commissioner Copenhaver-Yes

With 3 yes and 2 no the motion passed.

Rolling Prairie presented some work done along the Juanita Road for Share Road funding. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve \$1,433 to pay to Rolling Prairie, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Hilbert approached the BOCC about opening a 32 hour/week FT Temp Employee. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to open the position, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Hilbert also presented a service contract from Central Business Systems. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the service contract, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert then stated that the Delta Variant of COVID-19 is in the state of North Dakota.

Commissioner Copenhaver representing Estabrook Township stated that he would like the Frost Boil/heaves fixed. Copenhaver stated that Foster County should fix some at a time, or a couple every year. The BOCC decided to table the discussion until Road Superintendent Monson could be present.

Commissioner Hagel told the BOCC if they want to renegotiate the City of Carrington Assessing Contract that a letter needs to be sent before August 1st. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to send a letter to the City of Carrington to renegotiate the Assessing Contract, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg stated that Foster County received a letter from the City of Carrington about using some of the Counties American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds for a water project going on in the City of Carrington. The BOCC decided to wait to make any decisions until they fully know what they will be spending the funds on.

Two bills were presented from Pat Biel Trucking. The first one was from the culverts purchased and installed in Estabrook Township. The bill was \$1,000 more than what the BOCC approved to pay prior. The extra \$1,000 was for removal of an old bridge that was found when installing the culverts. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to pay the additional \$1,000, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll Call Vote was Had

Commissioner Copenhaver-Yes
Commissioner Utke- No
Commissioner Hagel- No
Commissioner Scanson-No
Commissioner Beumer-No

With 4 No and 1 Yes the motion failed.

The second bill was for some approved work and some non-approved work for Townships. The non-approved work was for Bucephalia Township. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to the approved portion but leave out Bucephalia's portion until they come in and get it approved, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC decided to have the preliminary budget hearing on August 10th at 10:00am.

Commissioner Hagel stated that the Board needed a motion to nominate Road Superintendent Nate Monson for the Excellence in County Government Award through the North Dakota Association of Counties. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to nominate Monson for the County Official EICG award, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting at 5:39pm.

Brad Solberg
Foster County Auditor

Becky Hagel, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners